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TO IMPACT TEACHING AND
LEARNING IN K-12 CLASSROOMS SO
THAT MIGRANT STUDENTS ACHIEVE
HIGH ACADEMIC SUCCESS.

Arizona

Migrant Education Connection

A Message from the State Migrant Director:

As we celebrate this holiday season, I want to recognize the generous spirit of our Migratory families, students, Migrant leadership and staff. Thank you for the many kindnesses you bestow on each other and on our Arizona Migrant community.

I wish you an abundance of joy and happiness as we begin 2016. May you always have:

Happiness— May your life be filled with joy and happiness and may each new day bring you moments to cherish.

Love— May your life be filled with an abundance of love.

Fulfillment— May you live a long and happy life filled with goodwill and friendship.

Peace— May this new year bring you peace, and as you walk your path may it bring you contentment.

Prosperity— May your life be filled with good luck and prosperity.

Blessings— May your life be filled with blessings in this Christmas season.

Kindness— May the new year bring you many days of happiness.

Enjoy your holiday celebrations with family and friends.

Mary Frances Haluska
State Migrant Director
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Upcoming Dates to Remember

December 25, 2015: Christmas Day (State Office Closed)

January 1, 2016: New Year's Day (State Office Closed)

January 22, 2016: 21st Century STEM Conference in Phoenix, AZ

February 11, 2016: SMPAC/ID&R in Yuma, AZ



Summer Programs 2016

Summer Program information is available on our website
Please encourage students to apply!

<http://www.azed.gov/populations-projects/migrant-program/>



UA Science: Sky School



A RECAP of the 20th Annual AIFC Conference!

- 32 organizations participated; 128 total attendees
- \$2,800 was raised from the auctions
- Congratulations to the AIFC scholarship recipients!

MPAC Meetings Making a Difference

Coolidge , Arizona

12/17/15

Thank you Jerry & Sandy Ingram from the Florence/ Coolidge Elks Club, Eric Kluth, & Vance Myers of Calvary Church for their generous donations during this holiday season. The Coolidge MEP staff organized a fun, informational MPAC meeting with Santa and amazing donations from the community. Great work!

Please contact doreen.candelaria@azed.gov to invite her to your MPAC meetings to see the great things you do for our families!



Professional Development Spotlight

Arizona Department of Education offers a full calendar of workshops/trainings, please visit our Calendar of Events (<https://ems.azed.gov/Home/Calendar>) for class details and registration. Here is a selection of upcoming professional development opportunities that could be useful to you:

1/7/16 Event:Webinar: STEM Learning Using the 5Es Instructional Model

STEM teaching and learning that is structured by Engaging students so they are able to Explore, Explain, Elaborate, and Evaluate their progress provides relevant ways to help them make the interdisciplinary connections needed for conceptual understanding of each of the disciplines. In this 1-hour webinar participants, grades K-12, will explore how embedding the research-based, 5E Instructional Model into STEM classrooms can help establish coherence for lessons within an instructional sequence.

1/11/16 Event:Rhetorical Grammar

Learning Outcomes:

- To think about and approach grammar as an interaction between a writer and reader, rather than a set of "rules" to be followed or errors to be fixed after a text has been written.

1/20/16 Event:Webinar: Grades 3-5 Writing Standards Implementation Webinar Series

Writing Fluency is the third of four webinars focusing on grades 3-5 writing instruction and standards implementation.

1/25/16 Event:Research Based Vocabulary Instruction for Grades 3-8

In these training participants will learn the dynamics of vocabulary development in children and how to help students overcome the barriers to word learning.

2/23/16 Event:Webinar: STEM in the Primary Classroom

Young children are avid STEM investigators, eager to explore and invent. Spend five minutes with a 3- to 8-year-old and you will field an astounding array of questions, as their own natural curiosity leads them towards STEM inquiry.

2/29/16 Event:Reading Basics for the K-5 SEI Classroom

Reading Basics training will focus on the critical components for reading instruction for English language learners in the K-5 classroom. Participants will be guided through the English Language Proficiency Standards and research-based strategies to plan for instruction in the areas of Print Concepts, Phonemic Awareness, Decoding, Fluency, and Comprehending Text.

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District Spotlight

Yuma Elementary: Fourth Ave Junior High



Fourth Ave Junior High students have been busy preparing for the upcoming First Lego League Trash Trek competition. The competition is comprised of two parts. First, the students must present a project regarding recycling an item from their school. Second, students will compete in the robotics challenge.

RECYCLING PROJECT:

For their recycling project, the students have brainstormed various ideas that involve repurposing waste in a school setting. They narrowed the items down to one. Straws. They have researched different ways that straws can be re-used to make various types of holders, wall decorations, and even lighting fixtures.

ROBOTICS CHALLENGE:

The Robotics challenge includes twelve missions that the group's robotic vehicle must complete. Each mission is centered around recycling and waste disposal. These twelve missions are no easy task. Students must use math, collaboration, and critical thinking skills to formulate the appropriate coding in order for their robotic unit to accomplish each mission in an efficient way.



LESSONS LEARNED:

Mr. Rudy Rodriguez, a migrant advocate stated, "Students who are involved in this competition are learning so many different types of lessons. Those lessons include coding, distance and ratios, teamwork, collaboration, critical thinking skills, and citizenship." Mr. Rodriguez also mentioned "Not only does this competition and project expose students to this type of setting, but it also inspires students who have strengths in these areas to want to pursue careers in engineering and technology."

The competition will be held Saturday, December 5th at Arizona Western College. Fourth Avenue students are excited to see their hard work put to the test.

Photo: Students at Fourth Avenue Junior High School joined by Principal Jose Cazares and Mr. Rodriguez.